DRAMA

Miss Pryor planned a fun drama activity. We talked about feeling confident and brave in front of an audience. Miss Pryor said, “it is okay to feel a bit shy and silly but try to be brave and have some fun.” We started out with some improvisation. The first group were given a ‘working in a busy kitchen’ scenario. They got a bit crazy but did really well. The next part of the activity was to design a character and learn everything about the character so that when we sat in the ‘HOT SEAT’ we could answer questions about our character. Justin won Miss Pryor’s Academy Award for best acting.

SUBTRACTION!

This week we have worked on subtraction using different methods like trading, bridge, split, estimating and the jump strategy. This week we also did a SURPRISE interview! Jade said, “she was excited to do subtraction this week.” Also some students got to go on mathletics. So we interviewed Ben about mathletics and this is what he said. “I worked on whole numbers and I also did live mathletics.”

Answer to week 4 and 5 brain teaser: 758!

HSIE and Science

This week we watched a DVD about the Amazon River. We saw how huge the Amazon River is, and learnt that it takes an aeroplane four hours to fly across the Amazon Basin in South American. The river is crucial to supporting the living species in the Amazon Basin Rainforest.

We also started a design and make science project that involves designing and building a living, breathing rainforest environment.

We’ve been discovering lots about rainforest animals and plants too, by making a visual dictionary, and have been mapping the important area called the ‘Green Belt’—the area between the Tropic of Capricorn and the Tropic of Cancer where the environment is right for rainforests to grow. But because of deforestation some of this has been destroyed.

District Swimming Carnival

On Friday the 24th of February around 40 children represented Colo Vale public school at the District Swimming Carnival. Six people from 5J attended the carnival, Lauren, Louise, Cooper, Justin, Nathan and Ben. It was a sunny day and we all had a fantastic day. Three people from our school will be representing our school at the regional carnival and the time is still being confirmed.
PERCY JACKSON

This term in 5J, we have been reading Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordian. It is very interesting and exciting. The main character, Percy has just been kicked out of school AGAIN!! He has just discovered that his best friend Grover, is a Satyr (half human and half goat). But this is not so weird, because Percy has also, just discovered that all the Greek Mythology that his teacher Mr Brunner taught him, is all true. Percy’s mum has just been disintegrated, he’s had to kill a Minotaur, and Percy has just arrived at camp HALF-BLOOD!

Antonyms

This week we learnt about antonyms. We looked at how sometimes certain prefixes can be added to a root word to give the opposite meaning e.g. disenchanted and enchanted. We used a dictionary and some prefixes that Miss Pryor suggested, to make lists of antonyms in our workbooks. We shared some of our words and Miss Pryor wrote them on the SMARTBOARD. Then we made a huge, colourful wall chart for the classroom.

PEEL

This week we have continued to focus on persuasive writing. We now know that the number 1 to remember when writing the arguments section of a persuasive text is: to use “PEEL”. It helps to organise your ideas.

“PEEL” stands for

P-point

E- elaborate

E-example

L-link (This means to justify your reasons by linking it back to the original topic)

Mr Berry’s Basketball with a twist

On Monday the 5th of March 5J went out to play a game of sport. It was a Basketball game with a twist. One team had to get into a line and shoot for the hoop. If the ball hit the rim you would get one point. If you got the ball in you would get two points. While the other team had to run around cones with a ball and hit the basketball hoop pole and then it repeated until they finished and then we swapped over. Blake’s team won while Kai’s team lost by two points.
**Fun Fact**

It takes 4 hours to cross the Amazon Basin by plane.

Wow! It must be really, really wide.

**Jungle Jokes**

What happens when Tarzan reaches the Amazon River?

He says **WHAT!!!**

**Persuasive writing**

This week we have been learning about persuasive writing. We have been learning how to put a persuasive text together. We discussed how using special language can make your writing sound really dramatic and persuasive. **Using strong emotive words like: crucial, essential, necessary or imperative are an important part of writing a persuasive text.**

**TECHNOLOGY**

In 5J this week we have been using the SMARTBOARD for our maths topics - addition and subtraction. We have also been doing heaps of research for our rainforest information reports. The 5J Weekly Snap went live on the 5J website this week, which is fantastic. Already we’ve had some great feedback from teachers, and 5J family members and friends.

**A Fact About Rainforest**

- Rainforests environments are some of the most amazing ecosystems on the Earth.
- They vary considerably depending on where on the Earth they are found.

Try these rainforest websites to find some more facts.

[www.rainforestfacts.com](http://www.rainforestfacts.com)
[www.rainforestinformationforkids](http://www.rainforestinformationforkids)

**Miss Pryor’s Super Challenge**

Be the first student to use student to correctly use the word **disgruntled** in sentence, when you are speaking to me, and you’ll win my special prize.

**GET WELL SOON MATT! We miss you!**

(from all of 5J)